



STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2008-508
June 6, 2008

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

CREATION OF THE E-TRANSPARENCY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, this administration believes in the openness of state government and the ability of its citizens to access information in a meaningful way about the operations and expenditures of its state government;

WHEREAS, this administration believes that one way of achieving more openness in state government is to create a system where individual citizens, through the Internet and other user-friendly tools, can access said information in a timely and simple manner;

WHEREAS, this administration believes that the creation of a “one-stop” venue where citizens of the Commonwealth can review how their tax dollars are being spent as well as obtain other information about state-funded programs is a hallmark of a “transparent” government;

WHEREAS, this administration believes that better transparency promotes improved government performance, and that ultimately, creation of systems that provide performance-measurement reporting will improve government accountability and public faith in state government;

WHEREAS, to that end, this administration believes that it is prudent to set up a task force to coordinate the resources, efforts, and synergies of all of the agencies of state government to study this issue and present a recommendation to me;

WHEREAS, this administration believes that a task force can foster the creation of such tools within existing funding sources while remaining compliant with any and all confidentiality requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS §12.029, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. I hereby create the “E-Transparency Task Force.” The E-Transparency Task Force shall deliver to me a recommendation on the creation and implementation of a “one-stop” information access tool via the Internet or other easily accessible mode of operation whereby citizens of the Commonwealth may research, access and understand non-confidential monetary transactions of the Commonwealth.
2. The E-Transparency Task Force shall recommend the features and design of the “one-stop” information access tool that shall include, but not be limited to, providing information about state expenditures and state programs.
3. The E-Transparency Task Force shall recommend the features and design of a performance-measurement reporting system that enables transparency to be used



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as a tool for making government services more efficient and less costly to the taxpayers.

4. The Chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Honorable Jonathan Miller.
5. The Vice-Chairs shall be the State Treasurer, The Honorable Todd Hollenbach Jr, and the Auditor of Public Accounts, The Honorable Crit Luallen.
6. The Chair, upon consultation with the Vice Chairs, shall set the agenda for the meetings. The Chair shall be in charge of implementing and coordinating the directives of the E-Transparency Task Force by directing staff of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to accomplish said directives.
7. Other members of the Task Force shall be:
 - a. The Honorable Jack Conway, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or his designee;
 - b. The Honorable Richie Farmer, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture or his designee;
 - c. The Honorable Trey Grayson, Secretary of State or his designee;
 - d. The State Controller or designee;
 - e. The State Budget Director or designee;
 - f. The State Librarian, or designee;
 - g. The Executive Director of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association or designee;
 - h. The Executive Director of the Kentucky Press Association or designee;
 - i. The Commissioner of the Commonwealth Office of Technology;
 - j. The Executive Director of the Office of Legal Services for Finance and Technology, Finance and Administration Cabinet;
 - k. The President of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce;
 - l. The Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees;
 - m. The Executive Director of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth;
 - n. The Executive Director of Common Cause of Kentucky;
8. Pursuant to KRS 12.029, all members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed their out-of-pocket expenses.
9. The task force shall meet upon the call of the Chair.
10. The task force, under the direction of the Chair and Vice Chairs, shall produce a report detailing the tools to be created, how they will be implemented and any other matter that it deems relevant for my consideration.
11. The report shall be delivered to the Office of the Governor no later than November 1, 2008.



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12. The E-Transparency Task Force shall be administratively attached to the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall provide all staffing and administrative resources necessary to accomplish the mission of the Task Force. Upon request by the Chair, all state agencies are directed to assist the Task Force with accomplishing the directives previously set forth.

This order is effective June 16th, 2008.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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